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To: All Montana Pharmacy Providers and Distributors
Re: Request for Information

The State of Montana, **Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)** is requesting information regarding Retail Acquisition Cost for specified drugs. This information will assist DPHHS in evaluating its Preferred Drug List (PDL), as well as payment options. The State of Montana invites all interested parties to submit a written response to this Request for Information (RFI).

This RFI is being sought strictly for the purpose of gaining knowledge of supplies available with an estimate of their corresponding costs and should not be construed as intent, commitment, or promise to acquire services, supplies, or solutions offered. **No contract will result from any response to this RFI.**

Information submitted in response to this RFI will become the property of the State of Montana.

The State of Montana will not pay for any information herein requested nor is it liable for any cost incurred by the provider.

RFI responses must be received prior to **April 25, 2008** at the following address:

Wendy Blackwood, Pharmacy Program Officer
PO Box 202951
Helena, MT 59620-2951
Phone (406) 444-2738
Fax Number: (406) 444-1861
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All questions may be directed to the program officer listed above.

We appreciate your response to this request.

1.0 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The State of Montana, DPHHS, seeks Retail Acquisition Cost information for the drugs listed on the attached spreadsheet. The Department wishes to use this pricing information to evaluate reimbursement options for medications currently on the PDL, as well as certain generic medications for which there is no federal maximum allowable cost set. The information gathered through this survey will support the removal of the "brand preferred" status of certain medications on the PDL.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Department is gathering pricing information from pharmacy providers in a number of practice settings in order to consider setting a State Acquisition Cost for certain medications, as allowed by ARM 37.86.1101. This data may allow the Department to avoid preferring certain brand medications over their generic equivalents.

3.0 RFI RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

The State is asking all interested parties to submit a response containing the following information:

Please provide your NDC and acquisition costs for the medications listed on the attached spreadsheet. Also, please include any comments or suggestions regarding this request.